



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH**

## **COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS WAIVER**

### **Executive Summary, September 2019**

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#### **Introduction**

The Community Transition Waiver (CTW) is a new Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver offering services to individuals who choose to move from Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-ID) into community services.

This waiver provides services to individuals who meet an Intermediate Care Facility level of care. The services package is similar to services provided through the Community Supports Waiver (CSW), with a few main distinctions: the provision of Professional Nursing Services; Prevocational Services/Center-Based Employment; and simplified financial eligibility standards.

#### **Drafting Process**

To implement a new HCBS waiver, the State will submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The State anticipates submitting the waiver application to CMS in October 2019, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2020.

The State Medicaid Agency (Utah Department of Health) together with the Department of Human Services, Office of Quality Design and the Division of Services for People with Disabilities collaborated to prepare an initial draft of the CTW.

#### **Public Input**

Public input is sought in the following ways:

- Presenting to the following groups: the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB) and the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) in September 2019.
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period. Notification of public comment was also posted in the newspaper.
- Reviewing and responding to comments after the 30-day public comment period and making decisions about further amending the waiver to incorporate additional comments received.

The final draft will be completed by mid-October. Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

## Overview of Waiver Provisions (Main Differences from the Community Supports Waiver)

- Targeting Criteria
  - The primary focus of the waiver program is to assist individuals who are transitioning from ICF/IDs into the community.
  - Financial eligibility is simplified for those with income at or below 300% of the Supplemental Security Income level.
- Service Modifications
  - Professional Nursing Services are offered to assist individuals requiring skilled medical care. This service will be offered through a high and low tier - depending on the acuity of the individual.
  - Service Animal is not offered as is currently found in the Community Supports Waiver. (This service has not been used in many years in the Community Supports Waiver)
  - A definition has been added to describe Prevocational Services/Center-Based Employment.
- Quality Improvement
  - Performance measures were adapted in accordance with guidance received through recent waiver actions.

The waiver application may be viewed in its entirety at: <https://health.utah.gov/ltc>

Questions and comments about the draft waiver application are welcome and can be submitted to:

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